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ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Rural Energy Conservation Programmes are running in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the Central assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh for these programmes during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the areas where these programmes are being implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : There is no specific programme as Rural Energy Conservation Programme. The energy conservation programmes are inclusive of both rural and urban areas.

(b) : No financial assistance has been provided to Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years in this regard. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and the DISCOMs have motivated the farmers having pump-sets to fix capacitors to their pumpsets and 20.86 lakhs capacitors have been fixed to the agriculture pumpsets by the farmers themselves. All the major capacitors manufacturers were asked to contact the farmers and take orders directly to fix the capacitors to the pumpsets. The rates are also negotiated for the benefit of the framers. In certain Districts, District Cooperative Banks, District Cooperative Marketing Societies procured the capacitors in bulk and distributed to the farmers on cost basis. Other initiatives like use of ISI mark pumpsets and HDPE pipes are encouraged.

(c) : The programme is implemented in all the Districts by the farmers having agriculture pumpsets.